

Lent B E G I N S

March 6

The Church Season of Lent offers the Christian an opportunity for a special encounter with ourselves and with Jesus. Its purpose is to lead to repentance and renewed trust in Him. This is good, since repentance and renewed faith are vital as we prepare to receive the Good News which Holy Week and Easter will bring us.

Accordingly, again this Lent, we seek this self-examination which comes through the application of the Word of God to our hearts and lives. We allow that Word to show us our sinful condition and need. God's Gospel offers us God's plan to remove our sin: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John 1:29. It also works to empower us to live our lives for and with Him.

There is no shortcut way to accomplish our penitence, our growth in trust, and our repentance. We need to take the time, make the effort to do this. We urge you to use this season as an opportunity for a spiritual experience for yourself and your family.

Lenten Daily Devotions in Emails, Podcast, or Booklets *People of the Passion*

Bethel's Board of Witness/Outreach is making available Lenten Devotion booklets from Lutheran Hour Ministries. You can read *People of the Passion* or hear it as a podcast. During the Lenten season, you can receive these devotions as a daily e-mail, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Go online to www.lhm.org/lent for all these versions. **OR pick up a printed copy in the narthex on the Elders Credenza.**

There's a host of people involved in the story of Christ's Passion. That's just one insight you'll discover when reading this year's Lenten devotions. God was at

Please do not skip Lent, for its discipline and its opportunities are not to accomplish some goal for the church. It's discipline and opportunities are for you and for your good. Resolve right now to be in worship each Sunday, to attend the Wednesday evening services, to have daily devotions individually and as a family. It is in the Word that God speaks to us of His gracious forgiveness. It is in the Word He calls us to Himself. It is in His Word we hear most clearly every promise. Listen to the Word, and make this the most blessed Lenten season yet.

Bethel offers Lenten Devotional Worship each

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Wednesday



Wednesday night starting **March 6th (Ash Wednesday) through April 10th at 6:45PM.** With a meal served from 5:15 to 6:30 with a cost of \$4/person with a max of \$12/family.

Ashes will be offered at the front of our sanctuary a half an hour before each service. **We will have a Noon Service for Ash Wednesday as well as the**

6:45pm. "Imposition of Ashes" is simply the marking of the forehead with palm ashes [often coming from the palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday].

The imposition of ashes on the forehead of the worshipper signifies that a period of prayer, fasting, and "sitting in sackcloth and ashes" has begun.

We especially encourage parents to bring your children as the marking of the ashes offers you a wonderful teachable moment as to the Lenten season and the Cross of our Lord.

work long before the Savior's birth into this earth, through events and circumstances that date back hundreds of years. And all of them pointed to the cross.

With Lent comes the period in the church year when the love of God as expressed in the bitter suffering and death of His Son Jesus is contemplated among Christians. This year's Lenten devotions from LHM, *People of the Passion*, give readers the sense of wonder at how God could love us so much that He would do this—sacrifice His only Son—on our behalf.

Written by Dr. Kari Vo, LHM's theological writer, these devotions artfully depict God's love at work through the centuries. His plan known from the beginning, His love constant to the end, He has made a way for us to join Him in eternity through the life, death—and resurrection of His Son Jesus.

From the Board of Stewardship

Stewardship of Our Lives

Did You Know ...

How Can You Help To Support Our Preschool Ministry?

Your prayers continue to be the most precious means of support for our Preschool! We ask that you would continue to pray for God's blessings and protection of the children. Give thanks to God for our great staff as they all love to work with our little ones. Please pray that we daily share the love of Jesus with the children and their families.

Other ways to support the Preschool:

AmazonSmile Foundation will donate .5% of your qualifying purchases to the non-profit organization of your choice. *We would greatly appreciate it if you would choose Bethel Lutheran Church.* Simply go to Smile.Amazon.com and log in as you normally would. It will ask you to designate an organization to receive the funds. **Please be sure to choose Bethel Lutheran Church, Bryan, Texas** (as there are several other Bethel Lutheran Churches listed). Please ask your friends and family members, if they are not already using this program, to consider designating Bethel Lutheran Church. All funds received through AmazonSmile will go to the preschool. **Thrivent Choice Dollars** – Our preschool is eligible to receive Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you are a member of



Thrivent Financial, you may go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice for more information or call 1-800-847-4836. When prompted say, "Thrivent Choice" and follow the directions on the phone.

The Preschool provides BREAKFAST BARS at the Sunday morning Bible Class in the fellowship hall on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Look for a basket by the coffee. It is a free-will donation. If you attend a Bible Class upstairs, you are very welcome to pick up a bar before going to class. ***It is a little way that quickly adds up and helps us in a big way!*** Plus, it may help you at a time when you may be a little hungry and appreciate a breakfast bar to eat! Bethel Preschool has a **Scholarship Fund**. Any money given specifically to the Scholarship Fund will help families who have the need for short term assistance in paying tuition costs. Please designate on your check or other gift that it is for the Scholarship Fund. ***Thanks so much!***

Time, Talent & Treasure Survey

It is never too late to turn in your Time, Talent & Treasure Survey to the church office. If you haven't received one, there are some in the narthex at church. We will gather them in our Worship Services this coming weekend, Feb. 23/24.

Together We Can

Rise Against Hunger ...

while feeding ours

Join University Lutheran Chapel for a St. Patrick's Day themed dinner! Donations welcome, all proceeds go toward our 2020 meal packing for *Rise Against Hunger*.

When: Sunday, **March 17**
at **5pm and 7pm**



Where: 315 College Main, CS
RSVP: 979-846-6687 by March 8
www.riseagainsthunger.org



Bethel OWLS (Older, Wiser, Lutheran Souls)

February 21, 2019 at Noon

in the Parish Hall

We will meet for our Pot-luck Luncheon on Feb. 21.

Judy Bell, from Generations, will be our guest speaker. She will share some personal experiences and other professional information about Parkinson disease, caregiving and other health issues. Please join us and bring a dish to share.

From the Board of Community Service

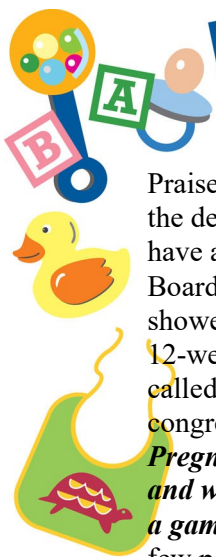
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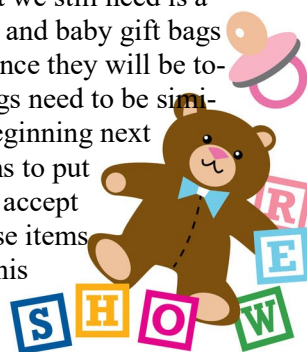
Thank you in advance



Baby Shower for Hope pregnancy



Praise God for Life! Ten young ladies have made the decision to keep their newborn babies and we have a wonderful opportunity to help them. The Board of Community Service is sponsoring a baby shower for all ten of these girls as they complete a 12-week parenting and pregnancy education class called Hope's Gathering. We need help from the congregation! ***The shower will be held at Hope Pregnancy on Monday, April 1 from 5:30 - 6:30 and we will provide decorations, refreshments and a game for the attendees.*** What we still need is a few people to attend the shower and baby gift bags for each of the 10 newborns. Since they will be together at the shower, the gift bags need to be similar. Please watch the narthex beginning next week for sign-up sheets for items to put in the gift bags. We will gladly accept monetary donations and purchase items if needed. Thank the Lord for this exciting opportunity!



From the Board of Witness/Outreach

Love, Joy, Peace

The fruits of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22–23 begin with these three: love, joy and peace. God's Holy Spirit fills us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are given to us as gifts. We live in this fruit as the Spirit lives in us. Love originates in God's love for us in Christ, and results in our love for others. Joy comes from trusting in the Good News of God's love in Christ, and results in lives of joy in God's grace. Peace is the gift of reconciliation and fellowship with the Almighty God through the forgiveness of sins, and results in our lives of peace as we forgive just as Christ has forgiven us. Find out more at <http://www.joyfullylutheran.org>.



Project Connect - New Booklets!

Bethel's Board of Witness and Outreach sponsors Project Connect, a print ministry of Lutheran Hour Ministries. The many single-subject booklets offer support and inspiration on a variety of Biblical questions and life issues. Just in time for Lent, we've added several new titles to the display, located at the main entrance near the visitor table.

The new titles include "Who is Jesus?", "What is Faith in Jesus?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", and, for children, "Do You Know Who Jesus Is?" These booklets are excellent aids for your own study and devotion time and as a way to initiate conversations with friends. Please feel free to browse the display and take any that you may find useful. There is no charge; newer topics are on the top level of the display.

From DCE Randy & Board of Parish Ed

LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING— We have been blessed with some generous special gifts from some of our members toward this event this summer. As we have some families with multiple children going, and also some single parents with a child attending we're going to need all the help we can get!. Again, thanks for your continued support. Please note the three fundraisers below.

YOUTH PECAN SALES – This is winding down, but we still have a few 1 lb packages of new crop, locally sourced pecans for sale. If you would still like some please see DCE Randy and he'll direct you to the parents who still have some to sell – now at lower prices!

NOTHING BUNDT CAKES We are taking orders for the mini-bundt cakes at \$5 each – or cards for one that you can go and pick up. We will be taking orders during the month of February. There is a display in the Narthex for you to order a cake or card.

TAMALE FUNDRAISER FOR THE NATIONAL GATHERING - We do have a fundraiser in the works to sell tamales, taking orders March 3 through April 7, with delivery Easter Saturday. More details will be coming soon. As always thank you for your support of our 26 youth heading to Minneapolis next summer.

DCE CALL PROCESS -The DCE Call Committee has been given 16 names by the District to add to the name suggested by a member of Bethel. Currently we've narrowed the list to eight and will begin making contact with these Candidates. Soon after this we will do phone interviews and then proceed to the next step of conducting interviews as we narrow the list. As Bethel is also working with the Senior Pastor and

Associate Pastor Calls, so this will take some time. As always we solicit your prayers for guidance as we move forward.



2019 YOUTH QUAKE WHEN AND WHERE: The 2019

Youth Quake is coming this weekend February 22-24, held this year at the DoubleTree Airport Hotel in San Antonio. We have 33 youth and adults signed up to attend. We have a good mix of younger (1st time – 6th Grade) Quake attendees as well as Senior Youth. Please pray for our safe travels this coming weekend. Thanks to Steven Klose, David Fleege, Connie Bard, Kristen Royder, Eileen Svec-Hugo and Alex Janda for assisting this weekend. This is one of our larger groups to attend Youth Quake.

BREAKFAST TACOS On Sunday February 24 our youth will once again be serving breakfast tacos between the early worship service and Sunday School. Your freewill donations for these are greatly appreciated – AND you get a tasty product!

FUN FAMILY WEDNESDAY Fun Family Wednesday continues with our usual schedule. The MEAL will be served from 5:15 to 6:30 PM. The cost remains \$4/person with a max of \$12/family. KID'S BIBLE CLUB, JUNIOR CONFIRMATION, YOUTH NIGHT AND THE SMALL GROUP STUDY ON MARK all begin at 6:30 PM. You are also invited to join in for HANDBELL practice at 6 PM and the SANCTUARY CHOIR at 7.

Menu:

Feb. 27—Grilled cheese, tomato basil soup, fruit

March 6—Fajitas, beans, chips and cheese

Bethel's Preschool News

Registration for our Fall Preschool Program for the 2019-2020 school year is taking place now! Our program is designed for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. We offer several options for the days of the week and the times you may need. Preschool classes are from 8:30-12:00 noon. We have an "Early Bird" time from 7:15-8:30 and afternoon Extended Care with pick up times of 1:00, 3:00 or 5:30 P.M. We follow the Bryan school calendar (so we are closed during the summer months). You are welcome to come by and visit the classrooms anytime.

For more information, check out the preschool on the church website or call Debbie at 485-9835 or 446-1578.

If you put your child's name on our waiting list in the past for the 2019-2020 school year and have not filled out a Registration Form, now is the time to come by the preschool. Thank you!



Join Bethel's Ladies in Bible Study and Fellowship

LWML Bible Study, March 4

The Lutheran Women in Mission Monthly Bible Study meets on March 4 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. If childcare is needed, please contact Rosie Schoenfeld at 979-820-0126.

Ladies Lunch Bunch - meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month (**March 6 & 20**) at Blue Baker on University Dr. at 11:30 or whenever you can get there. We'll gather for our devotion and have great conversation and food. We hope you can join us for a spiritual respite from your hectic day.

Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets 10:00 -11:15AM in room 232, led by Pastor Bard. Child care is provided upon request only.

FIT FOR CHRIST — Hey Ladies! We still meet on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings (8:15)** upstairs in room 240. Our workout consists of a warm up routine of walking, and then toning exercises which focus on upper or lower body or sometimes Pilates. We wrap up the time together with a devotion. *Child Care available.*

LWML Helping Hands will meet Monday, March 11 at 8:30am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to come anytime between 8:30am—2pm to help tie quilts. The quilts are shipped to Lutheran World Relief. <http://lwr.org>.

Hey Girlfriends!

Bethel's Girlfriends is taking a break. In the past, the Board of Stewardship has organized Girlfriends events with the help of a few members who volunteered to lead in this area. Thank you to the women who helped organize and the many who attended events over the years. We pray that serving and socializing with Girlfriends of Bethel has been a blessing and contributed to initiating many life long friendships. Our hope is that this break is short-lived, and a few women, outside the Board of Stewardship, will step forward and work together to resume Girlfriends events in the near future. If you are moved to serve in this area, please speak with Susan Gade or Cindy Frenzel to get more information.

Join Bethel's Men in Bible Study and Fellowship

Men's Monday Evening Bible Study & Fellowship Group meets at **7:00 PM in Room 232**. They are studying LHM's Men's Network study titled: *Out of Nothing: The Word, Creation and Faith* by Rev. Steve Misch.

Friday Morning Men's Bible Study/Breakfast Group each Friday morning at 6:30 AM in the Parish Hall. The Journey from Unbelief to Faith. A DVD series with Rev. Dr. John Nunes. This Bible study conveys in frank language the lives of individuals who traveled from the outer edge of unbelief and apathy to the Christ-centered faith they now devotedly embrace.

Living with Grief - Learn how to cope with Grief Sundays, at 4PM in Room 240

Bethel is hosting a biblical study for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one, following a nationally recognized curriculum sponsored by GriefShare. This program is designed to encourage us to look at our loss and its impact on our lives from God's perspective. We will learn that grief is a natural response to the loss of a loved one and that there is relief, purpose, and joy in the future. Please join us for an upbeat and refreshing understanding of what God has done for us and his plan for our lives.

There are 13-weekly sessions based on video, bible study, and discussion in which we learn to accept and manage our feelings, emotions, and change in our lives. You are invited to attend as many sessions as you like and are under no obligation to attend all sessions. Please join us for an upbeat and refreshing understanding of what God has done for us and his plan for our lives.

Refreshments will be served and each participant will receive a participant guide. Other resource materials are available. Registration is requested to ensure that enough materials are available for each participant.



Become Part of Our Church Family

The Next Bethel's *"Life with God @ Bethel"* new member series.

If you are interested in learning more about our congregation or if you are considering becoming a member, Pastor Bard leads us for 8 weeks immediately following the late service (12:30 pm in Room 232). We always finish by 1:30 pm and snacks are provided. If you are interested in membership, there is an attendance requirement which Pastor

will talk about at the first meeting. We would love to have you come and find out more about Bethel. If you or your family are planning on attending, please contact Treva Robertson at trobertson@gmail.com or 409-782-5693. Childcare is provided upon request.



Disciples of the Way (DOW) continues to hold weekly Bible studies where Muslim seekers and Christ followers hear the Gospel together, ask questions, discuss key passages, and deepen relationships. These are sweet times of fellowship and learning. The Qur'an teaches that Jesus is a special prophet, but through the Bible, Muslims are

learning that Jesus is the Son of God who lived a righteous life for us, died on the cross for us, and rose for our justification.

"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." John 12:32

The DOW REFUGEE SERVICE CENTER

When our neighbors come to the Refugee Service Center (RSC) for services, they are greeted by compassionate staff and volunteers who make them feel welcome and listen as they share their struggles and challenges. RSC is an important ministry arm of Disciples of the Way that shows love to refugees where they most acutely feel their need.

HOW YOU CAN PRAY FOR DOW This Month

Opportunities for staff and volunteers to share the Gospel **Courage** for our neighbors to seek Christ and overcome challenges

Excellent **teamwork and collaboration** among staff and volunteers



Camp Lone Star

Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas



Now is the time to start planning your summer fun at Camp Lone Star! We can't wait to serve you this summer! If you are all **ready to register** for the week or weekend of your choice, click [here](#) on Tuesday morning!

If you are still deciding which session to register for, view our summer camp schedule by clicking [here](#). For any other information and session descriptions, visit WWW.LOMT.COM.

Many of the camp sessions fill up quick; so we encourage you to register early to reserve your spot and to take advantage of the Early Bird discounts!

If you experience any difficulties while registering, make sure your browser has been refreshed and if you are still having trouble, please don't hesitate to call our office at 979-968-1657.

The 2019 Theme : BOLD



This summer, campers will be transformed as they experience what it means to **boldly** follow Christ and shine His light to all.

Camp Lone Star's summer camp programs are exciting weeks, where campers have fun, make memories, develop friendships, and grow in faith and relationship with God. Most of all, summer camp is an intentional Christian community, set apart, safe and alive with God's word, focused on Jesus Christ and built around scripture.

Happy Birthday!!

Our Bethel Family

February

Sharon Cowart	21	Bobbie Denmark	23	Bill Benfer	25	Lois Erickson	28
Mike Deike	21	Robert Pali	23	Jade Fajkus	25	Sally Kaminski	28
Rachel Jungklaus	21	Ben Zucker	23	Velma Black	26	Christopher Byer	29
Mitchell Dill	22	Rosie Schoenfeld	24	Genevieve Birdwell	27	Justin Zaragoza	29
				David Hildebrandt	27		
				Jessica Pfeffer	27		

March

Lee Price	1	Daniel Jaeger	12	Frank Duchmaselo	21
Travis Thompson	2	Jackson Shilling	12	Katie Bentley	22
Jared Klatt	3	James Burnett	14	Sadie Hausenfluck	23
Linda Maples	3	Kristie Clark	14	Pat Caudle	24
Dana Muller	3	Karen Guyton	15	Grant Flippin	24
Jarod Pratt	5	Ernest Koeplin	15	Eunice LePori	25
Cali Engram	6	Brad Lenz	15	Barbara Kasper	26
Natalie Jochen	7	Jim Smith	15	Kelli Kindt	27
Fredrick Kuhlmann	7	Lilo Sanchez	16	Flo Schaffer	27
Brian Spence	8	Liz Burnett	17	Brooke Scott	27
Samantha Clements	9	Jennifer Dunkin	17	Talon Engram	28
Caleb Groves	9	Delayna Hold	17	Bruce Theiss	29
Kori Scheffler	9	Amy Motquin	17	Bryan Theiss	29
Diana Tomlin	9	Lenora Garcia	18	Haley Schautschick	30
Tim Gade	10	Luke Palasota	18	Jacob Brown	31
Heidi Murphy	10	Bryce Sinclair	18	Martha Delovio	31
		Terry Frazier	19	James Ellison	31
		Bill Wieghat	20	Lisa Paholek	31
				Doris Shimshack	31



To Our Bethel Family,

Thank you so much for the calls, texts, cards and most especially the prayers after Jared's accident. He is healing well and has gone back to work in Cedar Park. You are so appreciated and we are so thankful to be part of this family. God bless all of you.

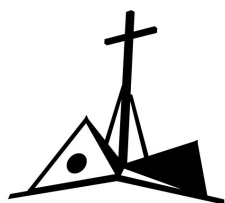
Jimmy, Judy and Jared Dunn

Coffee cans needed - If you have small coffee cans you can donate, please leave them in the church office. These will be used for flowers for our shut-ins.

The 2019 Flower Chart for Altar flowers is in the Information Center by the elevator. The cost is \$30 per sponsorship and we will accept 3 sponsors each Sunday.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR is on KAGC, 1510 AM on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. sponsored by Bethel. If you would like, you can sponsor a week's broadcast for \$25 or a month for \$100. Thank you to all who have given to this ministry.

The 2019 Sign Up Chart for The Lutheran Hour is in the Information Center by the elevator.



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Rev. K. Lynn Stroud, Pastor Emeritus

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Mrs. Debbie Sadler, Dir., Bethel Lutheran Preschool

Mrs. Kathy Herwald, Director of Operations

Mrs. Ruthann Stroud, Church Secretary

Mrs. Connie Bard, Children's Ministry Coordinator

Mr. Nic Duncan, Facilities Manager

Mrs. Katie Bentley, Office Assistant

Mr. Jeremy Shilling, *His Praise* Band Leader

February 21—March 7, 2019



Join us for

Saturday Night

Worship at 5PM and Bible Class at 6PM

Sunday Mornings

8:30 AM Divine Service (Traditional)

9:30 AM Fellowship Time

10:00 AM Bible Class/SS

11:15 AM Divine Service (Contemporary)

Holy Communion is served on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th weekends of the month.

Ash Wednesday Worship—March 6th— with
Imposition of Ashes 30 minutes before and The Lord's
Supper — 12:00PM & 6:45 PM

Church Office Hours

Mondays—Thursdays 9am - 5pm

Fridays 9am - 3pm